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SUBJECT: LEBANESE AND ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATIONS

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1. EMBOFF BRIEFED URWICK, HEAD OF FCO NEAR EAST DEPARTMENT, ON US ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN LEBANON AS SET FORTH IN REFTTEL. LATEST BRITISH JIC ASSESSMENT ON LEBANON SENT TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY. URWICK INDICATED LEBANON IS PRESENTLY FCO MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN IN NEAR EAST BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF DETERIORATION OF SITUATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO ISRAELI INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, BRITISH DO NOT PLAN TO PROPOSE ANY STATEMENT BY EC-9 AND ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH STATEMENT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AT THIS POINT.

2. FCO CONTINUES TO BE AVIDLY INTERESTED IN WHAT USG PROPOSES TO DO NEXT IN ARAB-ISRAELI MEDIATING EFFORT. HOWEVER, NEXT FCO APPROACH TO USG ON THIS ISSUE IN STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION PENDING ELECTION OF NEW PRIME MINISTER.

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